GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:185
ANSWERED ON:03.03.2006
SPECTRUM POLICY
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain shortcomings have been observed in planning and allocation of spectrum to telecom service providers in the past;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a new Spectrum Policy is likely to be introduced shortly; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 185 FOR 3RD MARCH, 2006 REGARDING SPECTRUM POLICY.

(a) & (b) No, Sir. Within the constraints of spectrum availability, the same was made available to the mobile telecom service providers.

(c) & (d) Formulation of Spectrum Policy, taking into account all relevant factors, is under consideration. This would include mainly the efficient and optimal utilization of spectrum, allocation procedure, spectrum pricing and introduction of emerging technologies.